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Re: Application SN 09/397,325, Filed 09/16/1999  
For: Electronically Controlled Method of Composing....  
Group Art Unit: 2176

Dear Ms. Chapman:

We received a June 25th telephone call from you (via message) regarding the need for our deposit account number to pay a late fee for a Response to an Office Action of November 21, 2002.

The Response was faxed to the above number on December 6, 2002. Although we have the auto-reply showing that the fax was sent, as we understand it, this fax was misplaced in your office.

We sent another fax to the above number on June 13, 2003. We also have the auto-reply for that fax. We believe that you are requesting the late fee because the first fax (filed on time) was misplaced, which is not appropriate.

Please advise.

Respectfully yours,

  
Gene W. Arant  
Applicant

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